

*Dear Colleague,*

*As you know, Secretary Mayorkas is considering terminating enforcement of Title 42 authority at the southern border within the month. This policy change will devastate the southern border and cause irrevocable damage to the security of the United States.*

*In March alone, through half the month, there were approximately 97,000 southern border encounters. Of those, close to 51% were removed under Title 42 and some 49% were processed under Title 8 – meaning about 47,500 were released into the United States. We are on pace to encounter 200,000 people in March - which means DHS will release 100,000 people this month even with Title 42 being partially enforced. Customs and Border Protection is already dangerously overwhelmed, halting the enforcement of Title 42 authority will prove disastrous for Americans and the migrants seeking to come here who will be preyed on by violent drug cartels and human smugglers.*

*This Congress, Democrat leadership has not yet brought to the floor any legislation to prevent this crucial policy from going unenforced, however, on April 20, 2021, a discharge petition was filed to force a vote on Yvette Herrell's H.R.471 to require enforcement of Title 42. More specifically, this bill would prohibit the Secretary of Health and Human Services from lessening the stringency of, and to prohibit the Secretary of Homeland Security from ceasing or lessening implementation of Title 42 authority through at least the remainder of the pandemic. Thus far, 206 Republican Members (203 current Members) have signed the discharge petition.*

*We, the House Freedom Caucus, are asking our Democrat colleagues to join us in signing the discharge petition to stand up and defend the health and the security of the United States.*